



Summer Camps

Oregon Ridge Nature Center is proud to provide 8 weeks of educational summer camps for 2012.

REGISTRATION FOR MEMBERS BEGINS
MONDAY APRIL 16th

NON-MEMBERS CAN REGISTER
MONDAY APRIL 30th

PLEASE CALL 410-887-1815



MOM, ME AND NATURE

June 25th ~ June 29th This week long, half day camp is designed for younger children ages 4-5 years old. It runs from 9:30 to 12:30 PM and a parent or permitted adult must attend along with the child. The camp will feature nature crafts, hikes, games and animal talks. Class size is limited to 20 children. Proof of age is required. \$50.00 per child is due in advance.

JUNIOR NATURALIST CAMPS

Children will explore the forest, fields, and streams of Oregon Ridge Park while hiking, playing environmental games, learning crafts, and participating in other nature activities.

Class size is limited to 20 children per week. Age groups of 6-8, 7-9 and 9-10 yr. Proof of age is required for all camps. (Members of the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council receive a 10% discount on the Junior Naturalist Camps.)

July 9th ~ July 13th 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Age 6 - 8 \$85
August 6th ~ 10th 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Age 6 - 8 \$85

July 30th ~ Aug. 3rd 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Age 7 - 9 \$85
August 20nd ~ 24th 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Ages 7- 9 \$85

July 16th ~ 20th 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Age 9-10 \$85
August 13th ~ 17th 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Age 9-10 \$85



PIEDMONT EXPLORERS

July 23rd ~ 27th from 9:30 to 3:30 PM. Children age 11-12 will explore the habitats that exist in the Piedmont region and even travel to the Coastal Plains of Baltimore County. Along the way, campers will learn about wildlife and the natural environment. Off site trips will be included. Proof of age is required. Class size is limited to 10 children.

\$100.00 per child is due in advance. (Members of the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council receive a 10% discount.)

Summer 2012: All Programs Require Reservations Please Call 410-887-1815

June



I SPEAK FOR THE TREES!

Trees are important to you and me. They give us food and oxygen, you see. Find out what animals need trees while looking at the view. Make a Lorax craft to take home too!
6/2 & 6/3 2-4:00 PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Please see www.wfa.net for information & registration.
6/9 & 6/10 8-6:00PM

SPORTY BIRDIES

Come learn about the feathered mascots of your "favorite" teams. Then take a hike to look for them in the park.
6/9 & 6/10 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

LOST LADYBUG PROJECT

Where have all the ladybugs gone? Catch, identify and release Ladybugs for a national program. Take what you learned home and continue this project all summer long in your own backyard.
6/16 2-4:00 PM FREE!

FATHER'S DAY FISHING

Come out early for this special Father's Day event where you can catch huge bluegills and largemouth bass in our lake. PLEASE NOTE: fishing is only allowed in the park with a Naturalist. We supply the pole and the worms. No rod & reel allowed. Ages 5yr+.
6/17 8-10:00AM \$3 (\$2 Members)

FREE FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC

Members and friends, join us at the Oregon Ridge Lake for our annual picnic. You'll have the chance to swim, canoe, and barbecue (we supply the grills you bring the food). We'll end the night with a campfire where you can sing as you roast marshmallows and make s'mores.
6/18 6-9:00 PM FREE!

GREAT AMERICAN BACKYARD CAMPOUT

Join thousands of families across America as we campout at Oregon Ridge. This special event is part of National Wildlife Federation's "Be Out There" campaign. Bring your own tent and camping gear and we'll provide the night hike, campfire, and s'mores. Be on time to set up your tent and bring you own bag dinner. Fee is per tent.
6/23 6:00PM - 6/24 9:00AM \$8 (\$5 Members)

PAPER WASP PAPER

Paper wasps are building nests. Learn about these fascinating insects and make your own natural paper.
6/30 & 7/1 2-4:00 PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

July

NATURE'S NIGHT LIGHT HIKE & CAMPFIRE

Fireflies aren't flies at all; they are actually beetles. Come learn the secrets of the brightest insect in the park. Then make some s'mores around the campfire. Ages 8yr+.
7/6 8-9:30 PM \$4 (\$3 Members)

TUBING DOWN THE LITTLE FALLS

Cool down from those hot July days by drifting down the Little Falls. Remember to bring your lunch and wear clothing and close-toed shoes that can get wet! We will meet on location in Northern Baltimore County; directions will be provided. Ages 8+ Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited.
7/7 & 7/8 10-3:00PM \$10 (\$8 Members)

GOT MUD? DAY

Get down and dirty in some muddy fun. Make mud pies, mud sculptures, mud paintings, and more! Then rinse off in our sprinkler. Ages 5yr+.
7/14 & 7/15 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

CANOE THE UPPER GUNPOWDER

Join us on our only canoe trip down the Gunpowder this summer. No first timers. You must have canoed at least twice before. We will meet on location in Northern Baltimore County and directions will be provided. Remember to bring your lunch and closed toe shoes that can get wet. Children must be 10 years or older and be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited.
7/21 10-1:00PM \$15 (\$10 Members)



BUG-A-LICIOUS

Chocolate crickets, candied superworms, fried waxworms, oh my! Learn how to prepare a buggy brunch. Bring your enthusiasm and sense of adventure.
7/22 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

MONARCH WATCH WORKSHOP

Got Milk (weed)? Learn about monarchs, milkweed, and more. See how to raise them, tag them, and release them. Data collected will be part of an important national research study.
7/28 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

BUTTERFLY BEAUTIES

Learn all about butterfly basics and go in search of these insect beauties in the park.
7/29 2-4:00PM FREE!



August



ONCE UPON A STAR HIKE & CAMPFIRE

Enjoy a night under the stars and hear some starry stories before ending the night with a campfire.
8/3 8-9:30 PM \$4 (\$3 Members)

CANOE LAKE ROLAND

Join us as we explore one of Baltimore's hidden treasures. First time canoeists are welcome. Children must be 10 years or older and be accompanied by an adult. Please wear closed toe shoes that can get wet.
8/4 10-12:00PM \$15 (\$10 Members)

DOWN BY THE STREAM

Cool down in the stream and look for amazing aquatic critters on this hot summer day.
8/5 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

TUBING DOWN THE LITTLE FALLS

Cool down from those hot August days by drifting down the Little Falls. Remember to bring your lunch and wear clothing and close-toed shoes that can get wet! We will meet on location in Northern Baltimore County; directions will be provided. Ages 8+ Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited.
8/11 & 8/12 10-3:00PM \$10 (\$8 Members)

CANE POLE FISHING

Come out early for this special event where you can catch huge, untouched bluegills and largemouth bass. PLEASE NOTE: fishing is only allowed in the park with a Naturalist. We supply the pole and the worms. No rod & reel allowed.
8/18 & 8/19 8-10:00AM \$3 (\$2 Members)

GO FLY A KITE!

Ever wanted to fly? Join our Naturalist to make your own kite out of natural and recycled materials. Then glide away on a gentle breeze. Ages 5yr+.
8/25 & 8/26 2-4:00 PM \$4 (\$3 Members)

Mark Your Calendars..

Our 31st Annual
Honey Harvest Festival

September
29th and 30th 2012



Oregon Ridge Nature Center
13555 Beaver Dam Road
Cockeysville, Maryland 21030



PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S POSTAGE PAID
BALTIMORE, MD
PERMIT 7639

Recycled Paper 



DEPARTMENT OF
RECREATION AND PARKS

OREGON RIDGE NATURE CENTER

A facility of Baltimore County Dept. of Recreation & Parks, supported by the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council



SUMMER 2012 CALENDAR



Image courtesy of nwf.org

This summer is all about the stars! Join thousands of families across the country by being part of the Great American Backyard Campout. Spend a night under the stars at Oregon Ridge on June 23rd. Space is limited and registration is required. Look inside for more information. Unable to join us on the campout? Come to our Once Upon a Star Nighthike and Campfire on August 3rd.

UPCOMING COURSES AT ORNC

WILDERNESS FIRST AID TRAINING

This two-day, 18 hour class is designed for trip leaders, camp counselors, and outdoor enthusiasts. No previous experience is required. This emergency response training includes assessment, musculoskeletal and soft tissue injuries, splinting, and a variety of other topics. Lecture, discussion, practical exercise and outdoor scenarios help students gain confidence and encourage development of critical decision making skills. Please visit <http://www.wfa.net> for registration and more information. Dates: June 9-10th and October 20-21st 2012.

TRAIL GUIDE TRAINING

Anyone who enjoys nature, teaching children, and hiking are needed as volunteer Trail Guides for visiting school children. Training takes place twice a year; once in the early spring and once in early fall. Our fall session takes place September 4th through the 7th, 2012 from 10 AM to 1 PM each day. The spring session will be February 5th through the 8th, 2013. Different topics are covered each day. The \$25 donation is refunded after leading your first hike. Please call 410-887-1815 if you would like to participate in this important program.

Join The Oregon Ridge Nature Center and Park Council

A non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing the enjoyment of nature.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

☐ \$15 Individual ☐ \$20 Family ☐ \$12 Senior Citizen ☐ \$12 Student ☐ \$50 Sustaining

☐ \$100 Corporate ☐ \$100 Patron ☐ \$150 Lifetime ☐ \$25 Non-Profit Organization

Make checks payable to: Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council, 13555 Beaver Dam Rd, Cockeysville, MD 21030

JOIN OUR CLUBS & FUN DAYS FOR ALL AGES

HABITAT TEAM

AGES 12+

A naturalist will identify invasive plants so you can help eradicate them from our park! Bring water, gloves and your favorite pruners. Meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month.
6/16, 7/21, 8/18 & 9/15 9-11:00 AM FREE

SUMMER BUMBLEBEE GARDEN CLUB

AGES 5+

Our Bumblebee Garden Club meets the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month. Students grow their own vegetables & flowers; make tasty treats and fun garden crafts.
6/23, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, & 8/25 10-11:30AM \$16 (\$12 Members)

SUMMER KINDER-GARDEN CLUB

AGES 2-5

Meets Tuesdays. Young sprouts can play in the garden while growing their l'il hearts & minds. Various nature activities each session, like crafts, dancing, music & garden delights.
6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21 9:30-11:00AM \$16(\$12 Members)

RESERVATION PROCEDURE

ALL programs (unless noted) require reservations.
Please call 410-887-1815

Payment must be made within 5 business days of your reservation, or the reservation will be yielded to the waiting list. All payments are donations and non-refundable unless ORNC cancels the program. To make reservations, please call the Nature Center (410) 887-1815 TDD (410) 877-5319 or visit the center Tuesday- Sunday 9:00AM-5:00PM. All programs & events are rain or shine. Staff will call registered participants ONLY in the event of cancellation.

Please make checks payable to: Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council (ORNCC). Mailing Address: 13555 Beaver Dam Rd, Cockeysville, MD 21030. These programs are designed for individuals & families. They are not designed to provide childcare. Parents should discuss attendance expectations with their children. Park staff cannot detain youth wishing to leave.

If you would like to arrange a program for a group or an organization, please contact the Nature Center Monday thru Friday 9-3:00PM. Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Should you require special accommodations (i.e., language interpreter, large print, etc.) please give as much notice as possible and call the Nature Center, or the Therapeutic Office at 410-887-5370.